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Beau Mims becomes Officer for a Day

The Anniston Police Department gained a new addition to the force in the form of six-year-old Beau Mims.

The Anniston native, although short in stature, stood tall as he entered the doors of the Justin Sollohub Justice Center on Saturday, April 4 ready to take on a day of tough police work.

“His exact six-year-old words were, ‘This is the best day ever! This this awesome!’” said Beau’s mother, Alyson Dobbins Mims.

Mims won a ride-along opportunity with APD from a silent auction held by the Junior League of Anniston-Calhoun, Inc.

“Mrs. Mims had already ridden during a Leadership Calhoun County program in 2007-2008 and asked if we could do something with her son, who loves law enforcement,” said Capt. Allen George.



“So Beau was granted the opportunity to come to APD and be an Officer for a Day.”

As an APD officer for the day, Beau was able to ride in a patrol car and Humvee in the parking lot of the Center, try on equipment like tactical vests, and even handcuff officers.

Beau even wore his police officer uniform from Halloween for the occasion.

“I learned that they save people,” Beau said. “They catch crooks and then put police officer handcuffs on them.”

According to Mims, Beau had a lot of questions for the officers and asked them why they chose their profession and why they liked being police officers.

“He wasn’t allowed to leave the station with the officers obviously, but Mrs. Mims said that he has talked nearly non-stop about his experience,” said Capt. George.

From his experience at APD, Beau learned the importance of doing nice things for people and helping people in need, said Mims.

“I’ve lived here my whole life and was able to do the ride-along with the Leadership Calhoun County program,” Mims said.

“It was a great experience then and with my son being completely enamored with everything police now I knew it would be great for him. They went above and beyond. It was really a great experience all around. I really appreciate it.”

The City of Anniston

Located in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains in northeast Alabama, Anniston sits as the county seat for Calhoun County and a regional hub for legal, medical, and banking services. Home to the bronze-level mountain bike ride center of Coldwater Mountain, Anniston offers a wide range of recreational options such as biking the Chief Ladiga Trail or visiting the Anniston Museum of Natural History. For more information about the City of Anniston, visit anniston.al.gov.